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TAGS: EAIR, VE

SUBJ: US-VENEZUELAN BILATERAL CIVIL AIR TALKS REQUESTED

REF: CARACAS 11108

1. EMBASSY OFFICER MET WITH MARIANO TIRADO, CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION  
DEPT OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON NOV 12.

TIRADO STATED THAT GOVT OF VENEZUELA WISHES TO CHANGE DATES  
FOR CONSULTATION REPORTED IN REF TO DEC 3, 4 AND 5, 1974.

2. IN ADDITION TO ITEMS OF INTEREST TO GOV MENTIONED IN PARA 2 OF  
REF, TIRADO MENTIONED GOV INTEREST IN EXPLORING OVERALL GENERAL  
CHANGES IN US CIVIL AIR POLICY.

3. TIRADO CONFIDED THAT IMPETUS FOR CONSULTATIONS DID NOT  
ORIGINATE FROM HIS OFFICE BUT RATHER WERE BROUGHT ABOUT BY JOINT  
EFFORTS OF DR ALFREDO MONQUE, CHIEF OF DEPT OF AIR TRANSIT  
IN MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL  
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AERONAUTICS(DGCA), GENERAL EDGAR SUAREZ MIER Y TERAN, BOTH OF WHOM

ARE

EXTREMELY DISPLEASED THAT PANAM-VIASA CONSULTATIONS AND AGREEMENT OF SEP WERE UNDERTAKEN AND TERMINATED WITHOUT THEIR PRIOR KNOWLEDGE.

4. TIRADO SAID THAT THE PRESENT CONSULTATIONS ARE BEING OFFERED BY GOV AS A "TRANQUILIZER" TO MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DGCA.

5. COMMENT: IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, CARLOS GARCIA, LOCAL MANAGING DIRECTOR OF PANAM, CONFIRMED THAT BOTH DR MONQUES AND GENERAL SUAREZ FELT THEY HAD BEEN BYPASSED IN PANA-VIASA CONSULTATION. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD WARNED VIASA THAT THEY SHOULD KEEP GOV OFFICIALDOM INFORMED DURING TALKS BUT HIS ADVICE WAS IGNORED. GARCIA DESCRIBED DR MONQUES AS "THE GREY EMINENCE" BEHIND THE REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION AND PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INSIGHT INTO MONQUES' MOTIVATION: AFTER TWO-YEAR LEGAL BATTLE, MONQUES RECENTLY REINSTATED TO POSITION HE NOW HOLDS. HE HAD BEEN DISCHARGED BY PREVIOUS GOV ADMINISTRATION AND IS NOW TRYING TO JUSTIFY REINSTATEMENT BY EXTREMELY NATIONALISTIC PROMOTION OF VENEZUELAN CARRIERS. GARCIA ALSO WARNED THAT ONCE CONSULTATIONS UNDER WAY, MONQUES, WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE SATISFIED LIMITING TALKS TO ITEMS SPECIFIED BY TIRADO.

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